



Food security needs in Colombia remain high due to internal conflict and periodic natural disasters, as well as the influx of vulnerable Venezuelans and Colombian returnees crossing into Colombia due to the escalating economic and political crisis in Venezuela.

SITUATION

- The political and economic crisis in neighboring Venezuela has exacerbated food insecurity in the region, forcing approximately 1.8 million vulnerable Venezuelans, and more than 500,000 Colombian returnees, to cross into Colombia in search of food, medical care, and livelihood opportunities, according to the Regional Interagency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V). In 2020, more than three million people affected by the Venezuela regional crisis in Colombia are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance, including at least 1.8 million people who require food assistance, according to the R4V.
- Despite the 2016 peace accords between the Government of Colombia (GoC) and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, internal conflict between armed groups continues to displace households in Colombia. Approximately 151,000 Colombians are expected to be forcibly displaced due to conflict in 2020, bringing the total number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) to 530,000 since 2017, the UN reports.
- According to the UN, 5.1 million Colombians are in need of humanitarian assistance due to internal violence and recurring natural disasters. Of those in need, 2.4 million will require food and nutrition assistance. Recent incidents of forced confinement and displacement perpetrated by armed groups in Colombia have limited Colombians' ability to access their crops, livelihoods, and basic goods and services, posing severe implications for vulnerable households' food and nutritional security. Additionally, few employment opportunities make it difficult for households displaced or confined by internal violence, as well as for host communities sheltering IDPs, to consistently access enough nutritious food.

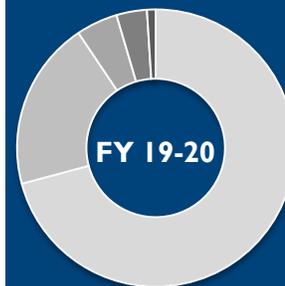


FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PER FISCAL YEAR (FY)

	U.S. DOLLARS	METRIC TONS*
FY 2020	\$1.8 million	-
FY 2019	\$75.2 million	2,311 MT
FY 2018	\$19.8 million	1,345 MT

*Metric tonnage does not reflect funding for vouchers or cash transfers



- Food Vouchers 70%
- Cash Transfers for Food 20%
- U.S. In-Kind Food Aid 5%
- Local, Regional, and International Food Procurement 4%
- Complementary Services 1%

RESPONSE

- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) partners with the UN World Food Program (WFP) to respond to the effects of the Venezuela regional crisis in Colombia, as well as to ongoing internal violence. FFP-funded food assistance supports vulnerable IDPs, host community members, Colombian returnees, and Venezuelans across Colombia who lack access to sufficient nutritious food. Additionally, WFP implements activities aimed at building resilience and expanding livelihoods opportunities for Colombians in areas affected by conflict and natural disasters.
- FFP and the USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance jointly support two separate groups of international humanitarian non-governmental organizations to provide cash transfers to vulnerable Venezuelans sheltering in Colombia to purchase nutritious foods in markets.



Photo Insert: With FFP support, WFP provides hot meals to Venezuelans sheltering in Colombia's Arauca State. USAID